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Job Work.

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Defense of Railroad Company.

A writer at Wyandotte takes us to task for saying the settlers on the Reserve were ordered off by the military, regardless of permit, and that the contracts of the L. P. & W. Co. were repudiated by the present Co. We stated that these statements came to us direct from the settlers. Doubtless, harassed as they are, they hear and believe a great many things that are exaggerations of the acts performed; but in all conscience the truth is bad enough and the acts sufficiently tyrannical and inhuman. Unfortunately, this writer gives no proof; he only reports hearsay, what he has heard members of the company say. He says:

"Now, we have reason to believe from what we have heard different members of the Co. say, that it is their desire that not only those who have bought land of the Co., and have located on it, should remain; but they are desirous that all that have or may purchase sold settle on the land. This is evidently to their interest, as it will greatly enhance the value of the lands unsold."

Very true, sir; but just here is the rascality. The company want the settlers to purchase, when they can give no return or equivalent. The company does not own the land, and can make no title to it. Why ask demand, compel the settlers to buy, until they can deed? Here is the first step in the outrage—taking something for nothing. Why not wait until they have a right to sell the land? If it is true, that the settlers are adding to the value of the land by settling upon and improving it, why remove them?

The writer says the present Company does not repudiate the contracts of the old one; but he does not prove it. Possibly they do not. He says further, that if Sam Denman "has stepped beyond his bounds and done things that he should not" it "amounts to but little,"—"if reported to the company steps would be taken to prevent its recurrence. We believe those only are ordered to leave who have gone on the land without authority; and are selling and destroying timber &c."

The writer signs himself Justice, but he is evidently a small piece of timber, and does not perceive the first step in the act of the Company to be utterly wrong. The facts we publish elsewhere may open his eyes. But for our desire to do ample justice to all parties, we should not have noticed his "hearsays" and his beliefs. We want facts. Will he or any one else tell us who are trespassers on the Reserve lands? and against whom they are trespassing? Until this is done, all palaver about fairness and "Justice" is sheer nonsense.

Rain and Wind.

On Wednesday afternoon of this week we were visited by one of the hardest rain and wind storms combined we have ever witnessed in Kansas. It blew almost a perfect hurricane for the space of an hour, and the rain poured down in torrents. Lightning and thunder accompanied the storm, and the elements seemed to be on a strife to outdo each other. So far we have not heard of serious damage. Doubtless the storm was needed, and did invaluable service in destroying chinch bugs and other vermin from crops and wild fruits.

The Mansion House.

We found this institution in full blast when last in Leavenworth. Mr. James Ewell, the efficient Clerk, manages affairs with ability. Under his supervision the Mansion retains its high position and popularity. Our readers should remember this when they visit the city.

Grant & Frost.

We direct particular attention to the advertisement of these gentlemen in another column. They have a number of the best Reapers and Mowers, and other Agricultural Implements on hand, in which our farming readers are interested.

John R. Deal & Co.

These gentlemen, at 43 Delaware St., Leavenworth, have a fine stock of Boots and Shoes, of superior make, which they are selling at reasonable prices for these high times. They are gentlemen whose statements can be relied on in regard to the work they sell. See their card in another column.

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Whenever you want anything in the Drug or Window Glass line, remember that E. J. Humphreys, N. W. Corner of Third and Delaware streets, Leavenworth, will furnish it to you, as he believes, cheaper than you can find the same this side of St. Louis. We have found this true of window glass and other articles we have purchased of him. See his advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

The Indian Exhibition.

Absence a portion of the time and a press of other matter, caused us to forget to notice the Indian Exhibition last week.

Mr. Duvall's troupe of Sac and Fox Indians are genuine red men of the uncivilized order, brought from their homes without culture or other artificial preparation, and display the wild men of the plains in their own character. Their speeches, singing and dancing were all unmistakably Indian, and the exhibition proved an entertainment even to a Kansas audience, although most of the assembly were familiar with the aborigines.

We can assure our readers and friends on East that this troupe of Indians are the "true grit," no painted white men or negroes got up for speculation, but the "Simon pure" article; and as the object is a good one, and their teacher and missionary, who accompanies them—Rev. Mr. Duvall—has the confidence of all who are acquainted with him, and may be relied upon to appropriate the funds raised for the education and Christianization of the tribe, we doubt not the enterprise will prove a great success financially, and we earnestly hope it may.

We devote a large share of space this week to the matters which are connected with the Reserve lands and the settlers thereon. We are certain that just now nothing could be of more absorbing interest to a large portion of our readers, and this accounts for the action in the premises.

The Soldier's Casket.

Is the title of a magazine started with the year by C. W. Alexander, Philadelphia, which has for one of its main features, the collecting and preservation in a substantial form, of the heroic deeds of the rank and file and lower grades of officers of the Union army. The officers and generals in command usually get all the praise, while the poor soldier, who does the fighting and gains the victory—perhaps at the cost of life or limb—remains unknown in obscurity. It is but an act of justice to let the brave troops have their noble deeds recorded. The Casket records many of the acts of the real heroes of the war. The other features of the work are stories—mostly of a historical character—and other literary matter. It will, doubtless, be very popular. A "Personal Department" is devoted to answering questions in reference to soldiers, to give information of any who have not been heard from, or particulars of any who have distinguished themselves.—25 cents a number. C. W. Alexander, 123 South Third Street, Philadelphia.

Albert Washburn, Acting Master of the gunboat Port Royal, and a worthy officer during the war, was recently shot and killed by a negro sentinel in New Orleans. No particulars given.

At a large meeting of citizens, Selma, Ala., Judge Bayne, said slavery and secession were settled against the South, and counseled submission.

The last vestige of the rebel navy was surrendered at Mobile on the 10th. The rebel naval officers are reported as looking down their noses on the occasion very sadly.

The London Times, the persistent foe of the Union, is now engaged in the attempt to create distrust of our national finances. Its efforts will amount to nothing in this line, as in that of the defense of the rebellion.—Other British papers show the Times to be in error, and that its statements are false.

McGrath, governor of South Carolina, has ordered out all the men in the State between the ages of 45 and 60, and given the command to Wade Hampton, both refusing to submit to the U. S. authority. Uncle Sam will have to whip the treason out of them or choke it out with a rope.

Strayed—Reward.

Two dark chestnut sorrel ponies, four years old this summer, belonging to the proprietor of this paper, strayed off some two or three weeks since—on the Reserve probably. Both branded with J. B., the letters being united. One has a white or blazed face, white fore leg or legs, a little bump—saddle mark—on the right side of the back, and when last seen had a strap or piece of a rope on his neck. The other is nearly one color all over with no special marks remembered. He is the largest of the two. Manes of both reached last year. Both horses, a suitable reward will be given to any person who will return these ponies, or give such information as shall lead to their recovery. Will our friends on the Reserve please look out for them?

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